

Mr. Hamilton's Grading Policy (Fall 2011 - CP Geometry)

Grade Periods

Each 4.5 weeks constitutes a grade period at Canfield High School.
During each grade period, the following items determine each student's grade in this class:

- Tests:** Tests are typically worth 250 points each. Expect two tests per grade period.
- Quizzes:** Typically 60 - 80 points each. Quizzes are almost always announced ahead of time, though **I reserve the right to have "pop-quizzes"**.
- Homework: (HW)** Expect this each night. Math is best understood by actively working on it. Students are **expected** to honestly attempt and complete each assignment, though assignments will be checked "randomly" for completion. (That is, some days I will check for completion and other days I won't.)

Completion:

To be viewed **ACCEPTABLE:**

- Every problem must be written out and honestly attempted (answers only do not count)
- All steps for solutions are shown neatly
- Students must have it at the beginning of class the day it is due (cannot go to locker)

Each homework that is checked for completion will be worth 4 points. An acceptable HW gets 4 points, a HW with a few violations gets 2 points, and a virtually nonexistent HW gets 0 points.

In-Class Assignments: These can either be individual assignments or group collaborations. A typical classroom activity is worth 20 - 50 points, though they could be worth more.

Bonus: There will be opportunities for bonus points in this class. These points will typically be earned on Problems of the Week, In-Class Assignments, test review games, and exams.

Miscellaneous: Although nearly all points are earned in the ways described above, I reserve the right to include other types of items for grades.

Progress Reports

I will **NOT** issue formal progress reports throughout an individual 4.5 weeks grading period. However, grades can be accessed online using "Engrade". I encourage parents to check these grades regularly to keep informed of how your child is doing in this class. If you ever have any concerns, please contact me! E-mail communication is preferred.

Grading Scale

(I will not guarantee that anyone's grade will be rounded. You must meet the percentages stated.)

A	at or above 93%			(93 % ≤ Grade)
B	at or above 83%	but	below 93%	(83 % ≤ Grade < 93 %)
C	at or above 73%	but	below 83%	(73 % ≤ Grade < 83 %)
D	at or above 63%	but	below 73%	(63 % ≤ Grade < 73 %)
F			below 63%	(Grade < 63 %)

Example of Calculating the 4.5 Weeks Grade

<i>Item</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>	<i>Points Possible</i>
Tests	441	500
Quizzes	122	150
In-Class	93	100
Homework	36	40
Bonus POW	2	0
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<i>Total</i>	<i>694</i>	<i>790</i>

Points Earned / Points Possible * 100 = Percentage

$$694 / 790 * 100 = \mathbf{87.8\% B}$$

*** It is highly unlikely that the possible points will be exactly the same in any grade period.*

Midterm / Final Examination [EXAM GRADE]

The exam grade will count as one-fifth of the final course grade. We will not have a midterm exam. The final exam will occur over two days during the final week of the semester. More details as the final draws near.

Course Grade

The final grade a student receives in the course will be the average of five scores: each of the 4 grading periods and the exam grade.

Example of Calculating the Course Grade

Grade Period 1:	86.0 %	B
Grade Period 2:	83.0 %	B
Grade Period 3:	84.0 %	C
Grade Period 4:	91.0 %	A
Exam Grade:	79.9 %	C

$$\text{Course Grade: } (86.0 + 83.0 + 84.0 + 91.0 + 79.9) / 5 = \mathbf{84.8\% B}$$

Cheating

See the CHS Rules in the Student-Parent Handbook. *You don't want me to catch you cheating, so don't do it!*

Attendance / Makeups / Missing Assignments

1. Check the web page frequently for any missing assignments (under "Grades")
2. Check online and talk to a friend before class to see exactly what you missed.
3. If you missed the day before a test or day of a test/quiz, you must take it the day you return.
4. Makeup tests/quizzes could be different than regular tests/quizzes to ensure the integrity of the course.
5. **It is your responsibility to get everything completed within allowed time!**